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Application of: Howard Tanner et al.

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Examiner: J. Thissel

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For: AN INTRODUCER SHEATH FOR USE DURING A SURGICAL PROCEDURE

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed December 1, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: ✓

Please cancel Claims 82, 85-87, and 96-103 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

Claims 82, 85-87, and 96-114 are present in this application. Claims 82, 85-87, 96-100, 102, and 103 are rejected, and Claim 101 is objected to. Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 104-114 are allowed. By this amendment, Claims 82, 85-87, and 96-103 are canceled without prejudice. Applicants respectfully request issuance of the application in view of the above amendments.

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